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FUNCTIONALITY OF CONSUMER DEVICES
Inventor: David E. Allport
Attorney Docket No.: ER 1604.02 US

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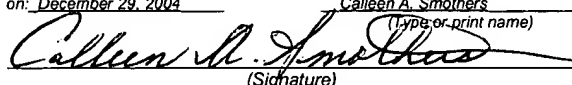
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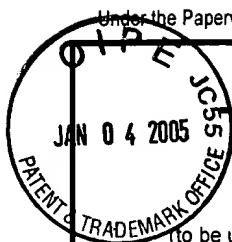
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In response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed November 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.